

FY21 Early Adult Reentry Initiative Grant Questions February 2021

**** Please note the application attachments were updated on February 3, 2021.**

Question: For the new EARL procurement that was just released, can an organization apply to deliver services in more than one site again? In other words, can we submit multiple proposals for separate counties?

Answer: Applicants may submit one application covering more than one geographic area or they may submit multiple (separate) applications for each geographic area. Please note that only 6 awards will be made under this grant program, so each application should serve the greatest geographic area as possible. The goal of the funding is to provide services to as many participants as possible throughout the Commonwealth.

Question: Team Safe Trucking has an Online Entry Level Driver Theory Training Program, which includes 34 courses and meets the FMCSA Entry Level Driver Training requirements for individuals wanting to get a CDL license. There is a current CDL Driver Shortage across the United States and within the Forestry Transportation Industry. Our program is being used in Michigan, a program offered to a prisoner release program organized through the Michigan Association of Timbermen. Team Safe Trucking is interested in making this Online Entry Level Driver Theory Training Program available for MA if there is an interest. Team Safe Trucking is interested in applying for the FY2021 Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative Grant if there is an interest in using this program.

<https://teamsafetrucking.com/> and click Online Training and create a free account to see some samples of TST Driver Refresher Training Program Courses (there are ten provided for free)

This program would need to be connected with a Behind The Wheel Training Provider in MA to assist with meeting on the FMCSA Entry Level Driver Training requirements becoming effective in 2022. If there is an interest, I can work on finding a partner in MA and together we could submit a grant.

Answer: Thank you for reaching out about your interest to apply for the Emerging Adult Reentry Program Grant. From looking at your website, your program looks like an effective program to assist recently incarcerated adults.

The Applicant Eligibility for this grant is defined as below:

Applicant Eligibility

OGR intends to fund up to six (6) nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations up to \$650,000 each. An applicant must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and provide a memorandum of understanding (**MOU**) from the Sheriff's Office(s) and/or the MA DOC validating an applicant's collaborative relationship (include any previous collaborative relationship) and attesting to such future collaboration as it relates to the submitted application. A nonprofit who does not submit a MOU will not be considered for funding. Each

award will support programs that serve participants from one or more MA DOC and/or Sheriff's facilities.

We welcome you, as a non-profit organization, to research this opportunity further, as you will need to obtain an MOU with a local Sheriff's Office and/or the MA DOC.

Question: Is this opportunity part of the SSYI initiative or is it something separate?

Answer: Yes, this is something separate.